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## Banks.

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.  
ESTABLISHED 1880.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL ..... Yen 13,000,000  
PAID-UP CAPITAL ..... 9,000,000  
RESERVE FUND ..... 6,660,000

Head Office—YOKOHAMA.

Branches and Agencies,  
KOREA NEW YORK  
LONDON LIVERPOOL  
SAN FRANCISCO HONOLULU  
BOMBAY SHANGHAI

LONDON BANKERS:  
THE LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LTD.  
PARKS' BANK, LTD.  
THE UNION BANK OF LONDON, LTD.

HONGKONG AGENCY:—INTEREST ALLOWED.  
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent.  
per Annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months at 5 per cent.

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S. CHOH, Agent.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1898. [382]

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,  
AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.

HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP ..... £800,000

RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS ..... £800,000

RESERVE FUND ..... £450,000

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT

ACCOUNT at the Rate of 2 per cent. per

Annum on the Daily Balances.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months... 4 per cent.

" " 6 " 34 "

" " 3 " 24 "

T. R. WHITEHEAD,  
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 24th May, 1898. [31]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,  
LIMITED.

Authorized Capital..... £1,000,000

Paid up Capital ..... £324,374

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:—

J. T. Louis, Esq. | ChowTungShang, Esq.

Chao Kit Shan, Esq. | Kwan Ho Chuen, Esq.

Chief Manager, G. W. P. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.

On Current Account, Daily Balances 2 per

Cent. per Annum.

Hongkong, 30th November, 1897. [8]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI  
BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL ..... \$10,000,000

RESERVE FUND ..... \$9,000,000

RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS ..... \$10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:

Hon. J. J. BELL-IRVING, Chairman.

R. M. GRAY, Deputy Chairman.

C. BEHMANN, Esq.

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A. Hugot, Esq. | P. Sachse, Esq.

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A. I. Raymond, Esq. | N. A. Siebs, Esq.

Chief Manager, T. JACKSON, Esq.

Hongkong, T. JACKSON, Esq.

MANAGER:

Shanghai—J. P. WADE GARDNER, Esq.

LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY  
BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED:

On Current Account at the rate of 2 per Cent.

per Annum on the daily balance.

INTEREST ON FIXED DEPOSITS:

For 3 months, 24 per Cent. per Annum.

For 6 months, 33 per Cent. per Annum.

For 12 months, 4 per Cent. per Annum.

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 15th August, 1898. [6]

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Banks is conducted

by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI  
BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be

obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3 per

Cent. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option

balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND

SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED

DEPOSIT at 4 per Cent. per Annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI  
BANKING CORPORATION,

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1898. [10]

NOTICE:

NOTICE is hereby given, that we have

transferred as from the 1st of July, 1898,

to the OSTAASIATISCHE HANDELS-

GESELLSCHAFT

(East Asiatic Trading Company)

of HAMBURG all our business carried on in

HONGKONG and CHINA with the assets and

liabilities thereof.

HARLING, BUSCHMANN & MENZEL.

Hongkong, 23rd September, 1898.

Referring to above notice we have as from

the 1st of July, 1898, opened branches of our

business in HONGKONG and CHINA and

have appointed Mr. G. HARLING as General

Manager thereof, and authorized Mr. A. BUNN

to sign per procuration at HONGKONG and

Mr. M. BORNKESEL to sign per procuration

at CANTON.

OSTASIATISCHE HANDELS-

GESELLSCHAFT

(East Asiatic Trading Company)

Hongkong, 23rd September, 1898. [1136]

## Intimations.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM  
NAVIGATION COMPANY.

(30)

FOR STEAMERS CAPTAINS TO SAIL REMARKS  
LONDON ..... Socorro ..... T. H. Hide, R.N.R. .... Noon, 27th Sept.... Freight only.  
LONDON ..... Manilla ..... R. L. Haddock, R.N.R. .... About 29th Sept.... Freight or Passage.  
SHANGHAI ..... Parramatta ..... C. F. Preston, R.N.R. .... About 30th Sept.... Freight or Passage.  
LONDON, &c. .... Ballarat ..... C. L. W. Field ..... Noon, 1st Oct.... Freight or Passage.  
JAPAN, &c. .... Rohilla ..... S. de B. Lockyer, R.N.R. .... 5 P.M., 1st Oct.... Freight or Passage.  
JAPAN, &c. .... Candia ..... W. H. Haughton, R.N.R. .... About 3rd Oct.... Freight only.  
(Passing through the Inland Sea). † See Special Advertisement.

For Further Particulars apply to

H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent,

Hongkong, 23rd September, 1898.

## THE CLUB HOTEL, LIMITED.

No. 5-B, BUND, YOKOHAMA.

A FIRST-CLASS HOTEL Centrally situated, well furnished and supplied with excellent Cuisine and Good Wines.

The Company's Steam-launch attends the arrival and departure of all Mail Steamers.

Special attention paid to the Comfort of Visitors.

E. V. SIOEN, Manager,

Yokohama, 1st October, 1898. [36]

ROSBACH,

THE BEST NATURAL TABLE WATER IN THE WORLD.

Invaluable for dyspepsia and Indigestion.

"Remarkably free from organic impurities. Its flavor is decidedly more agreeable than that of any Mineral Water which I have ever tasted. It is unquestionably the best of its kind."

Sir CHARLES CAMERON, M.D., F.R.C.S.I.

Per case of 50 bottles ..... \$11.00  
do. 50 4-bottles ..... 9.50

PER DOZ. QUARTS ..... 86

PER 2 DOZ. PINTS ..... 87

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CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & CO.,  
Sole Agents.

Hongkong, 13th September, 1898. [15]

H. PRICE & CO.,  
12, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

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THE PRICE ARE DELIGHTED.

## Intimations.

UNITED ASBESTOS ORIENTAL  
AGENCY, LIMITED.

(30)

SOLE AGENTS IN  
HONGKONG, CHINA, JAPAN AND THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.

FOR THE.

UNITED ASBESTOS COMPANY, LIMITED, LONDON,  
CONTRACTORS TO H.M. GOVERNMENT.

MANUFACTURERS OF THE

Best Qualities of ASBESTOS GOODS and PACKINGS.

HYDRAULIC and SELF LUBRICATING PUMPS PACKINGS of all kinds.

"VICTOR" METALLIC BOILER JOINTS.

ASBESTOS SALAMANDER BOILER COVERING COMPOSITION of the best quantities.

ESTIMATES given for every DESCRIPTION of WORK.

SUPERINTENDENT..... THOS. SKINNER.

DODWELL, CARLILL & CO., General Agents.

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PEAK HOTEL.

(30)

1350 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL.

A FIRST-CLASS HOTEL adjoining the Tramway Terminus. FINE HEALTHY LOCATION,

Commanding MAGNIFICENT View of the City and Harbour, the Mainland of China, and numerous Islands. Cool southerly breezes in Summer, with perfect protection against the North-East winds in winter.

Well appointed rooms, attentive service and excellent Cuisine.

GEO. J. CASANOVA,  
Manager.

CRAIGIEHURN is now open, for terms apply to

MANAGER, PEAK HOTEL.

CITY OFFICE, No. 7, Duddell Street.

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THE PHARMACY.

HAVE NOW A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF ATKINSON'S PERFUMES AND ARE

# THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1898.

## To-day's Advertisements.

VICTORIA CHAPTER,  
No. 525, E.C.

**A**N EMERGENCY CONVOCATION of the FREEMASONS' HALL, TO-NIGHT, the 26th instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Companions are cordially invited to attend, Hongkong, 26th September, 1898. [1133]

### BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEES.

MESSRS. HUGHES & ROUGH have received instructions from the Mortgagees to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION,

WEDNESDAY, the 12th day of October, 1898, at their offices, Praya Central;

Hongkong;

ALL THAT Valuable leasehold property situated at Kowloon Point in the Dependency of Kowloon and Colony of Hongkong and registered in the Land Office, THE REMAINING PORTION OF KOWLOON INLAND LOT NO. 406 and the REMAINING PORTION OF KOWLOON INLAND LOT NO. 407.

The properties are held for the respective residues of the terms of 75 years and 75 years created by the respective Crown Leases thereto at the Crown Rent for the whole of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 406 at \$25, of which the sum of \$54.00 is the apportioned amount payable in respect of Section A, and for the whole of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 407 of \$208, of which the sum of \$62.00 is the apportioned amount payable in respect of Section A.

Further particulars and conditions of sale may be obtained of

Messrs. DEACON & HASTINGS, Vendors' Solicitors, 35, Queen's Road, Hongkong, and of the Auctioneers,

Hongkong, 16th September, 1898. [1159]

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Company's Steamship

"KINTUCK," Commander C. de la Poer, will be despatched as above, TO-MORROW, the 27th instant, at 8 A.M.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co., Agents,

Hongkong, 26th September, 1898. [1154]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship

"TAIWAN," Captain Harder, will be despatched as above, TO-MORROW, the 27th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents,

Hongkong, 26th September, 1898. [1152]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA.

THE Company's Steamship

"SUNGK ANG," Captain Harder, will be despatched as above, TO-MORROW, the 27th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents,

Hongkong, 26th September, 1898. [1153]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL (Taking through Cairo for WESTERN AUSTRALIAN PORTS).

THE Company's Steamship

"NIXON," Captain Nash, will be despatched as above, on WEDNESDAY, the 28th instant, at 10 A.M.

For Freight apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents,

Hongkong, 26th September, 1898. [1150]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR TAIWANFOO.

THE Company's Steamship

"PAKHOI," Captain Stott, will be despatched as above, on WEDNESDAY, the 28th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents,

Hongkong, 26th September, 1898. [1157]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SANDAKAN.

THE Company's Steamship

"DEUCALION," Captain Branch, will be despatched, on THURSDAY, the 29th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents,

Hongkong, 26th September, 1898. [1151]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Company's Steamship

"CHELYDRA," Captain J. T. Davies, will be despatched as above, on SATURDAY, the 1st October, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers,

Hongkong, 26th September, 1898. [1149]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA.

THE Company's Steamship

"NANCHANG," Captain Finlayson, will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 4th October, at Noon.

For Freight apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents,

Hongkong, 26th September, 1898. [1161]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"ANTENOR," Captain Jackson, will be despatched as above, on SATURDAY, the 8th October.

For Freight apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents,

Hongkong, 26th September, 1898. [1153]

## To-day's Advertisements.

### LETTERS PATENT.

IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE NO. 2 OF 1892 AND .

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETROLITE FUEL SYNDICATE, LIMITED, OF NO. 57 MOORGATE STREET, IN THE CITY OF LONDON, ENGLAND, ASSIGNEES OF AN INVENTOR FOR LETTERS PATENT FOR THE EXCLUSIVE USE WITHIN THE COLONY OF HONGKONG OF AN INVENTION FOR "IMPROVEMENTS IN THE MANUFACTURE OF BRICKETTES OR BLOCKS OF FUEL FROM WASTE PRODUCT OR OTHERWISE ENRICHED BY PETROLEUM COMPOUNDS."

## To-day's Advertisements.

### CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE LIMITED.

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SEVENTEENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the OFFICES of the Undersigned at 12 o'clock (NOON), on WEDNESDAY the 19th proximo.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 5th to the 19th proximo, both days inclusive.

General Agents,  
CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE LIMITED,  
Hongkong 26th September, 1898. [1157]

AMENDMENT.

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS,  
No. 56.

AMENDMENT.

NOTE is hereby given that a Black Coal buoy 73 feet in diameter, showing a Green light on it from Sunset to Sunrise has been moored on the N.W. edge of the Junk Rock at 22 feet at L.W.S.T.

Junk Rock is off the village of Sha Lo (沙路) in the Blenheim passage, Back Reach Canton.

CAUTION.—Vessels from seaward pass this buoy on the Port hand and do no account pass between the buoy and the village.

A. HOLZ,  
Harbour Master.

Approved,  
E. B. DREW,  
Commissioner,  
Canton, 22d September, 1898. [1160]

## Intimations.

\$1000.

00050.

Consider the distinction between these two sums.

\$10,000 and \$50.

Ten thousand dollars is two hundred times larger than fifty dollars:

Yet if you save \$50 each month you can buy an ENDOWMENT POLICY.

That policy will pay \$10,000 to your family TOMORROW—if you die.

It will pay to you \$10,000, with substantial profits in addition, in 1918,—if you live.

THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES, HONGKONG BRANCH OFFICE.

DAKIN, CRUCKSHANK & COMPANY, VICTORIA DISPENSARY, HONGKONG.

CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION.

No. 85.

NOTICE is hereby given that FRIDAY, the 26th instant (12th day of 8th moon) being the CHINESE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL, will be observed as a Holiday at the KOWLOON CUSTOMS OFFICE, OPIUM EXAMINATION OFFICE and STATIONS.

All examination of cargo and clearance of junks will be suspended on that date.

H. M. HILLIER,  
Commissioner of Customs  
for Kowloon and District.

Custom House, Kowloon, 26th September, 1898. [1158]

SIMPLE AERATED WATER.

SODA WATER.

GINGER ALE.

SARSAPARILLA.

RASPBERRYADE, &c.

DAKIN, CRUCKSHANK & Co.'s WATERS are made under the constant supervision of a duly qualified English Chemist and will bear comparison with the best English Manufactures.

Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MESSES and other Large Consumers.

my complaint should be addressed to the Manager.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1897. [1159]

WORTH A GUINEA A BOX.

PREPARED ONLY BY THE PROPRIETOR.

THOMAS BEECHAM, St. Helens, England.

SOLE AGENTS FOR HONGKONG and the EMPIRE OF CHINA.

WATKINS & CO., APOTHECARIES' HALL, 65, Queen's Road Central, HONGKONG. [1160]

REUTER'S MESSAGES.

CHINA—RESIGNATION OF THE EMPEROR OF CHINA, &c.

LONDON, September 23d.

A Peking edict definitely announces that the Emperor of China has resigned power to the Dowager Empress.

It is rumoured in Shanghai that the Emperor is dead.

The gates of Peking are closed.

The Times Peking correspondent states that an edict announces that the Emperor and all high Ministers will kow-tow to the Empress on Friday.

SOUTH AMERICAN REPUBLIC WAR PROBABLE.

The Argentine Republic and Chile are on the brink of war over a boundary question and both

are mobilizing their forces.

THE LATE SIR GEORGE GREY.

The Queen has sanctioned a semi-public funeral to the late Sir George Grey at St. Paul's Cathedral.

Lord CHARLES BERESFORD.

We understand that Lord Charles Beresford is unable to accept the invitation of the China Association for Saturday next, as he is proceeding in the *Paraná* and

will go direct to Peking. He will have much pleasure in accepting the association's invite on his return, however.

We believe that the invitation to a banquet by the Hongkong Branch of the Navy

League has been accepted provided that

it can be held upon the evening of Lord

## Intimation.

Charles' arrival in the Colony but this may probably be inconvenient. He will most likely be invited to attend a public meeting during his few hours' stay in the Colony as appears to have been done, according to our morning contemporary, in Singapore.

### WEATHER REPORT.

The Observatory report to-day says:—

On the 25th at 11.30 a.m.: The barometer has risen

on the N. coast of China, and remains steady in the South.

Pressure is highest over China with slight to moderate gradients for N.E. winds on the coast.

FORECAST.—Light to moderate N.E. winds, fall.

On the 26th at 11.45 a.m.: The barometer remains steady in the North, and is inclined to fall to the South.

# THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1898.

## AUSTRALIAN NEWS LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SYDNEY, September 3rd.  
After a spell of intense weather, windy, showery and sunny, a regular initialized rain storm set in two days ago and for a time extended over the greater part of the colony. The farmers declare it the best rain since February last. Up on the Hawkesbury river and in the Northern districts floods were feared. In some places the rainfall for 24 hours amounted to 7 in. The country wanted rain badly for the grass and wheat crops and the farmers' spirits have risen again. Shipping on the coast has had a bad day and several casualties are reported, from the South Sea Islands right up to Sydney, South and West Australia, where had good rainfall.

In the heavy weather the s.s. *Royalist* ship *Hercules*, at Marchant near Botany, suffered severely. She was well in the contractors' hands when the gale came in, with a high tide and there is now little hope of getting her afloat.

A case of suicide took place at St. Vincent's Hospital a few days ago when Henry Hedge Lamb, a Lieutenant in the 5th Dragoon Guards (Princess Charlotte of Wales' guards) committed suicide by shooting himself. At the inquest the evidence showed that the young officer had left the service on sick leave, having contracted malarial fever while in India, and had been staying for a time at the Union Club. He was subsequently again indisposed from the effects of the malady, and about a fortnight ago entered St. Vincent's Hospital as a private patient. On several occasions his dependent condition, consequent upon the fever, alarmed his attendants, and a careful watch was kept over his movements. Unfortunately he managed to get hold of a revolver which had been in his possession, and during the absence of his nurse shot himself in the head and died a few hours later. Deceased was 31 years of age. The jury returned a verdict of suicide.

The Australian frozen meat trade has received a good impetus lately owing to the Spanish-American war. Two large cool chamber ships have been dispatched to Manila with supplies for the U.S. troops. The last steamer, the *Duke of Netherland*, left Brisbane a few days ago with 553 tons of frozen meat, 300 cases preserved meat, 500 tons potatoes, flour and other food stuffs.

The measles epidemic, mentioned in my last, is as bad as ever. The Health Board is taking all steps to stop the disease and points out that isolation may be commenced for a full month after the disease has made its first appearance, and that infection becomes active from the date of the warning sign, and continues for a full month or until the pustules of the skin and the affection of the lungs have ceased entirely. In the case of children, serious consequences may result from an early, easily explosive, to say nothing of the risk of infecting others.

Our harbour is daily becoming more crowded with vessels and this is particularly the case off Circular Quay where the majority of the ferry boats are constantly filling to and fro and where the big ocean liners moor. Last Saturday the water here was unusually crowded and the incoming and outgoing boats kept up a perfect din of tooting on their whistles and a six thousand liner had to make her way through the densest traffic imaginable. No accidents occurred but it was an exciting time for some of the passengers unused to this sort of thing.

Mr. J. A. Hogue, late editor of the *Evening News*, has received the portfolio for Minister of Labour and Education and he has earned it. Mr. H. came to Sydney as a journeyman carpenter and by sheer dint of steady, hard work and perseverance he reached the editorial, where he acquitted himself with credit. He is a plain, unassuming man and was very popular amongst his colleagues and the *News* staff, who unite in congratulating him on his elevation.

I am glad to say, that our crop bids fair to be a "whopper" and already one vessel has left with 9,076 sacks, for South Africa. There is no talk of the wheat growers going to the co-operative in their sales, as has been done with good results in South Australia.

A shocking tragedy took place on the 20th ult. in George Street, when a French tobacconist named Lison in a fit of mad frenzy nearly killed a man with a hammer, shot his sister-in-law dead, put a bullet through his wife's hand, and nearly killed his two little boys. There is no reason for the crime and the man appears to have been demented.

We are not done with the Federation business yet. Mr. Reid (Premier) brought on a series of resolutions in the Assembly last night and after a long and tedious debate they are to be again discussed next week.

Mr. Reid said that the House affirms—

1. Its desire that steps should be taken without delay in conjunction with the other colonies, to bring about the completion of a Federal union.

2. Its desire that the other colonies should agree to reconsider those provisions of the bill most generally objected to in New South Wales, namely—

(a) Representation in the Senate—concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other colonies, that if equal representation be insisted upon, the provision for a three-fifths majority at a joint sitting of both Houses should be removed, and that a simple majority should decide; or that the provision for a joint sitting be replaced by a provision for a national referendum.

(b) The 87th clause, known as the Braddon clause—concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other colonies, that this clause should be removed from the bill.

(c) The Capital of the Commonwealth—concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other colonies, that clause 174 should be amended, and provision made in the bill for the establishment of the Federal capital in such place within the boundaries of New South Wales as the Federal Parliament may determine.

(d) The Boundaries of States—concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other colonies, that better provision should be made against the alteration of the boundaries of a State without its own consent—namely, by the protection afforded by clause 127, as to the representation of States.

(e) Island Rivers—concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other colonies, that the use of inland rivers for purposes of water conservation and irrigation should be more clearly safeguarded.

(f) Money Bills—concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other colonies, that there should be a uniform practice in respect to such bills; namely, that provided in the case of taxation bills, and bills for the ordinary annual services of the Common wealth.

(g) Judicial Appeals from States—

concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other colonies, that the mode of appeal from the Supreme Courts of the States should be made uniform, and, in this appeal, should either be to the Privy Council or to the High Court, but not as at present, indiscriminately to either.

(3) Although prepared, for the sake of union—if it be placed in other respects upon a fair and just footing—to accept the financial system embodied in the bill, with the one exception mentioned, this House earnestly invites further inquiry into and a more thorough consideration of the financial clauses, regarding as evils to be avoided if possible excesses/burdens of taxation, a prolonged system of bookkeeping uncertainty as to the amount of the surplus to be divided, and uncertainty as to the method of distributing it among the States.

It is probable that a Parliamentary convention on these resolutions will be held in Brisbane.

A divorce case as a rule is not the most amusing of things, but a case before the court last week certainly justified the smiles seen all round. A nice looking young woman had obtained a rule nisi against her husband on account of his detention of her. She displayed some concern when his Honor was fixing the time for making the rule absolute. His Honor's curiosity being aroused, he asked her if it was her intention to get married again, and she admitted the soft impeachment. "So you are engaged to be married again before you are divorced?" he asked. The young woman reponed she was not engaged. His Honor proposed to make the rule returnable in three months, petitioners stating that she would like to have the whole matter finally settled as soon as possible. His Honor told her that it would be a great awkward if she had schemes of d'coitain in? illumination of their own. The Rest House was conspicuously well lit up, and the Club front elevation was ablaze with Bengal lights. The effect after dark descended, and before any of the candles began to splinter out, was very fine; there was no wind to disturb the myriad twinkling flames, and there were no stars to put their combined brilliancy.

Visitors continued to arrive steadily, including some twenty or more well-known Singapore residents. For nearly all the European guests, accommodation had been provided at the Palace; but many had already arranged for quarters with friends, or at one or other of the establishments open to them. The last comers were, however, ready to them. The Sultan's insistence upon punctuality in beginning to make itself felt. By 7.45 the expected guests were mostly gathered in the drawing-room of the Palace, and the Sultan was moving from group to group chattering easily with those already known him and affably welcoming those newly presented. The full dress of his Miliars and the uniforms of his officers added very much to the brilliancy of the scene. At eight o'clock, His Highness led the way to the dining-room, and in a few minutes 84 persons had taken their seats at the long table, which bore decorations of plate, crystal, and flowers in rich abundance. The Dato Munti was on the Sultan's right hand, and Mr. C. Stringer on his left; these three and Dato William Hulse were the only speakers in the after proceedings. The principal speech was that of the Dato Munti, it forming an eloquent national tribute of respect and good wishes. It was unfortunately intelligible, probably, to any foreign present, It was liberally punctuated with applause, and was concluded with three hearty cheers. The Sultan's reply was easy, except for unusual pauses between the sentences; he said all that was appropriate to the occasion, and made especial welcome once again to the guests from Singapore. Mr. Stringer acknowledged the kindness and hospitality of His Highness and on behalf of the Europeans present added congratulations to those already expressed on this anniversary. Dato Hulse spoke in a very similar strain, adding that the Dato Munti, it forming an eloquent national tribute of respect and good wishes. It was unfortunately intelligible, probably, to any foreign present. These, simply exclaimed "Why, what have they to complain of? they seem to run the whole show here."

The real grievance of the natives of the Philippines is, like the Emerald Isle, of an agrarian nature; with this difference, however, that the evil of rack rent is not coupled with that of absenteeism. On the contrary, they complain that their landlords—the爵士es—are too much among them for their good. But with this grievance of the country farmers the *mestizos* of the Aguinaldo's ilk are not affected in the least, but they nevertheless oppose their cause as demagogues do elsewhere for political ends. The origin of all the trouble in Manila must be attributed to the insatiable thirst for power on the part of the *mestizos*. And the Spanish Government must come in for a good share of blame for having educated this people above their station in life—for it is a fact that the Manila University has been turning out hundreds upon hundreds of lawyers every year. But above all the *tais* are most to blame for favoring mixed marriages and for affording the *mestizos* a *cheval de bataille* by exacting rack rent from the poor farmers.

Yesterday morning, an investiture of the Most Honorable Order of the Crown of Johore was held in the Palaces at ten o'clock, and invitations to attend were kindly extended to many of the previous evening's guests. Such a function is, of necessity, an imposing one, and the site at Johore was calculated to impress the unadorned spectator as pleasingly almost as it did the proud recipients of ribbons and stars, and the equally gratified worthies who obtained their "removes" from the second class to the first.

A large ladies party met at the Johore Club at one o'clock to concur in the day's festivities; and another large banquet took place at the Rest House last night. The officers of the Government then entertained, with eighty and ninety persons, in commemoration of the Sultan's birthday, and did the thing—no small undertaking—it must be remembered—in the very best style. A few appropriate speeches followed, and the breaking-up of the proceedings came, all too soon for many. But there remained not for a few of the party the long drive back into Singapore, and the hour was already late. Johore hospitality is proverbial with those who know it best; its latest manifestation will extend to the second class to the first.

Here's an old game being played over again. On the 15th ult. the Government Printing Office, Melbourne, was broken into, the object being apparently to gain access to the police examination papers. There was nothing missing from the office, but several of last year's papers had been rifled. The test for promotion was to be made next day and at the time the attempt was made the examination papers had not been printed, but the type was set. There are no indications that an imposture had been taken from it. None of the officials in the printing office or the Police Department owe to any knowledge of the identity of the culprit. The police beat from the time the office closed on Saturday till Monday morning was worked by five different constables. Fresh papers have been prepared.

## RUSSIAN PREPARATIONS.

The Sebastopol correspondent of the *Daily Graphic* supplies information regarding the preparations that Russia is carrying out in her Black Sea defences. The pending transference of the chief naval port from Sebastopol to Nikolaeff is entirely due to a realisation that the former harbour, in the event of war with Great Britain, would be untenable.

The passage of the Dardanelles could be easily forced by such an armada as the commander-in-chief in the Mediterranean would have at his disposal under the threat of a bombardment of Constantinople in case the fort opened fire. Once he was inside the Black Sea the Russian fleet would be doomed either to destruction or surrender, unless they could reach a haven out of range of the heavy guns. Sebastopol offers no such protection, but Nikolaeff does. At present, the bar at Ochakoff gives only 20 feet; the larger ships built at Nikolaeff have accordingly to be launched in an unfinished condition and sent to Sebastopol for completion. Until that bar and the forty mile channel has been dredged to a depth of twenty feet, the harbour of Nikolaeff will be of no use to the Russian battleships.

Russian coast defences are everywhere as yet in a state of amendment; and we are asked to believe that the moral is obvious.

concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other colonies, that there should be a uniform practice in respect to such bills; namely, that provided in the case of taxation bills, and bills for the ordinary annual services of the Common wealth.

(g) Judicial Appeals from States—

## JOHORE EN FETE.

### THE SULTAN'S BIRTHDAY.

SINGAPORE, September 19th.

For two long days, commencing at an early hour on Saturday, new Johore has been *en fete*. Rarely, if ever, has the place itself appeared so gay, and very seldom indeed have its people more fully entered into the spirit and shared the outcome of any celebration. The occasion was the keeping of the Sultan's twenty-sixth birthday. The completion of twenty-five years of life is usually accepted as the attainment of a nuptial goal, and the starting-point for a new and important stage in a man's development. It was in this double sense that the Sultan of Johore kept the auspicious anniversary in the midst of his subjects and his friends. There was a largely attended levee at the Palace at 7.30 a.m. on Saturday, a dress parade in the afternoon, and a banquet at night. These were the official fixtures, to say the popular dolings were spread over a great deal of time and space. The sports towards evening, especially the four-mile club race, for which the Sultan had presented one or two new machines, attracted a large concourse of spectators.

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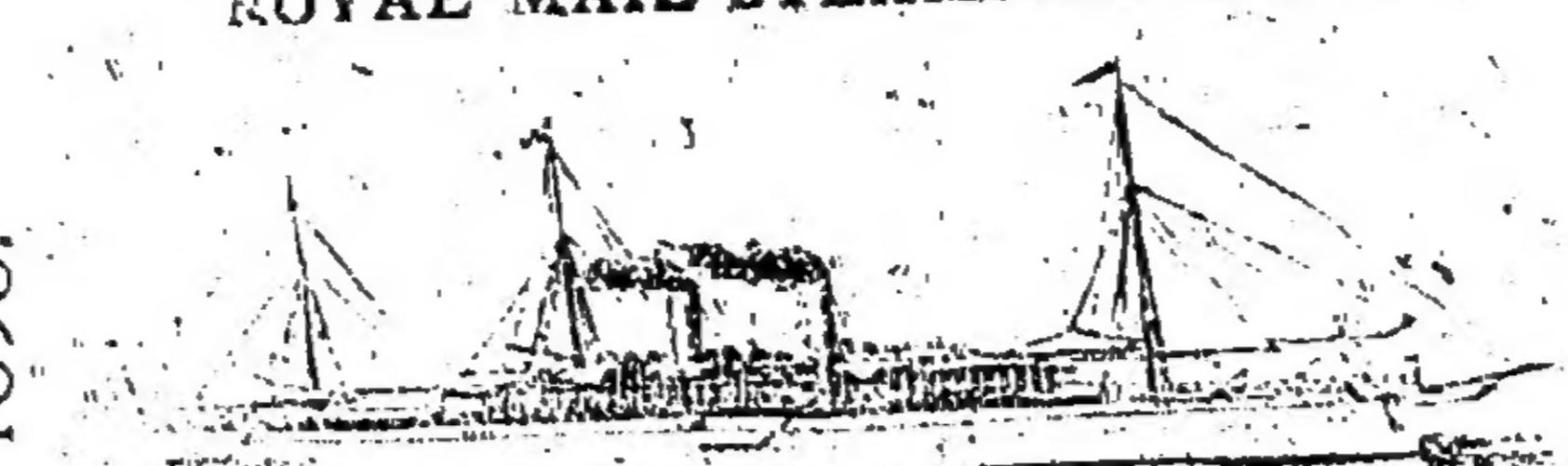
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